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SUBJ: PLANNING FOR UNCTAD TDB OFFICIALS MEETING, SEPT.5-9

REF: (A) STATE 193089; (B) 191800

1. MISSION OFFICER CONTACTED AUGUST 18 EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL(KOEDDERITZSCH, DG-VIII) IN CHARGE OF PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD TDB OFFICIALS MEETING. DISCUSSION OF TALKING POINTS, REFTTEL (A), REVEALED THAT COMMISSION POSITION ON AGENDA FOR JANUARY TDB MINISTERIAL IS GENERALLY IN ACCORD WITH U.S. VIEW. THIS POSITION, HOWEVER, STILL REQUIRES APPROVAL BY MEMBER STATES.

2. IN PARTICULAR, COMMISSION BRIEF FOR SUBJECT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ISSUE OF EAST-SOUTH TRADE FOR INCLUSION ON MINISTERIAL AGENDA. COMMISSION SPOKESMAN INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO SHARE LEAD IN THIS REGARD, AGREEING THAT

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BEST COURSE WAS TO PERSUADE G-77 TO PROPOSE SUCH AN ITEM ITSELF. COMMISSION BRIEF ALSO EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF PROVISIONAL STATUS OF OFFICIALS MEETING'S CONCLUSIONS, IN ORDER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OUTCOME OF RESUMED 31ST UNGA, 32ND UNGA, AND COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS. COMMISSION SPOKESMAN SAW NO DIFFICULTY WITH SCHEDULING A SECOND OFFICIALS MEETING IN DECEMBER TO

FINALIZE AGENDA.

3. ON DEBT, COMMISSION POSITION DIVERGES SLIGHTLY FROM THAT OF U.S. (REFTEL B) IN THAT POSSIBILITY OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF DEBT ISSUE IN TDB MINISTERIAL IS GIVEN SOME CREDENCE BECAUSE OF PERSISTENCE AND STRENGTH OF G-77 DEMANDS ON THIS SUBJECT. WHILE COMMISSION, LIKE U.S., WOULD PREFER TO KEEP ROLE OF UNCTAD STRICTLY WITHIN NARROW MANDATE OF 94 (IV) AND TO REFER ALL MONETARY AND DEBT ISSUES TO DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT SANGUINE THAT THIS STRATEGY WOULD WORK, GIVEN PRESENT REALITIES OF UNCTAD POLITICS. MISSION OFFICER LEFT PAPER WITH COMMISSION OFFICIAL BASED ON PARA 7, REFTEL B.

4. ON QUESTION OF FURTHER MEETING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS MEETING ON DEBT, COMMISSION BRIEF STRONGLY SUPPORTS U.S. POSITION.

5. COMMISSION BRIEF HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO MEMBER STATES FOR REVIEW, BUT FORMAL APPROVAL IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL SECOND DAY REGULAR TDB (XVII) MEETING. HENCE, COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATING GROUP B DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA IS EXPECTED TO PLAY NON-COMMITTAL ROLE UNTIL PAPER RECEIVES MEMBER STATE ENDORSEMENT. HINTON

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